

# Coventry Log Homes, Inc.

## Green Building Practices — Fact Sheet

### What Is Green Building?

Green Building is the practice of increasing the efficiency with which buildings and their sites use energy, water and materials to reduce building impacts on human health and the environment.

### Who Determines A Green Home?

The NAHB, the USGBC and the GBI have developed a few different programs to determine the standards a home and building site must meet in order to qualify.

### How Much Does It Cost?

Certification of a home must be done by a 3rd party who is certified in Green Building Practices. Cost can vary by state and agency used and can range from \$300 to \$3,000.

### Are There Any Tax Incentives to Build Green?

Yes, there are state and federal programs that homeowners can take advantage of in order to see additional savings.

### How Do They Determine If A Home Meets The Requirements?

Every area of the project is evaluated and rated using a point system. Items for consideration range from how much dirt is trucked in to the choice of appliances installed. The building materials and their cost effectiveness count as well along with energy efficiency and consideration for the environment.

### Does CLH Meet the Green Building Guidelines?

Yes, our homes do! A log home qualifies naturally. Of all the construction methods on the market today a log home meets the highest levels right from the start for building "Green." This is especially so when the homeowner follows all the recommended building practices.

#### *Earn additional pre-qualifying points by choosing Coventry Log Homes and their "green" practices*

1. Our product is all natural and does not contain any harmful toxins.
2. We work with local loggers who manage our natural resource.
3. We buy materials locally which cuts down on shipping costs and pollutants.
4. Our logs are dried using kilns that use renewable energy.
5. We pre-cut and number the logs. This means every log is used exactly where it should be and thus cuts down on jobsite waste.
6. We recycle all the excess wood used in manufacturing: we create shavings for local farmers; we heat all our buildings at our factory with the log ends; and we even give local residents free wood to heat their homes!
7. All materials are specifically designed and called out in a material list where they are to be used which means less waste on the job.
8. We supply energy efficient Andersen windows & doors and other manufacturers who meet the Energy Star requirements.
9. We supply a very complete package. This cuts down on wasteful trips to the lumber yard.
10. We work directly with a 3rd party certifier, for those who want their home to meet all the requirements.

### Green Building Fact:

A lot of planning goes into a home in order to meet the requirements necessary to be called green. Many of the requirements deal with more than just your log home package. If you wish to make your home meet the requirements expect to spend more in upfront costs, such as: better heating systems, better appliances, etc....

*Spend now and save later and you will reap the benefits!*

